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In re Application of: Carlos R. Morrison

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment relates to the patent application for NASA docket number LEW 17,293-2, which is filed concurrently with this amendment. This application is a DIVISIONAL APPLICATION of parent case Serial No. 10/390,256, which was filed on 3/12/2003.

This divisional application claims priority to that parent case's filing date.

In said parent case, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement which is set forth in an Office Action dated 11/25/2003. In a response to said restriction requirement, which was filed by Express Mail on 11/28/2003, applicant elected to prosecute the Group I

claims, # 1-11 and 23-28. Applicant cancelled the Group II claims, #12-22, without prejudice, and stated its intent to file a divisional application.

Accordingly, in this divisional application, applicant herein seeks to prosecute claims #12- 22.

Per the revision to 37 CFR 1.121, this Amendment is submitted in the new format. Accordingly, each section begins on a new page. Strikethroughs are used to denote items deleted, and underlining is used to denote items inserted. For single characters like punctuation marks where strikethroughs do not clearly appear, double brackets have been used to denote items deleted.

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended in the Specification and Claims, as follows: